## **Financial Assistance Application**

#### Introduction

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's mission is "to acquire and hold land ... for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauty for the education, pleasure and recreation of its citizens."

We believe that no one should be denied access to nature-based amenities because of their ability to pay. Through our financial assistance program, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County provides assistance to families and individuals based on their needs and circumstances.

#### **Financial Assistance Guidelines**

- Financial assistance is only available to DuPage County residents.
- Your combined household annual adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$80,000.
- Financial assistance is only available for summer camps or for archery, boating, family camping, model craft, off-leash dog area, picnicking, or special-use permit fees.
- Financial assistance is limited to a 50% discount for one summer camp session per child per calendar year or for one permit per household per calendar year.
- Applications for the 2024 calendar year will be accepted beginning Dec. 1, 2023. This application is valid for the 2024 calendar year only. You must reapply each year.
- Summer camp and permit fees are subject to change at any time.

## **Required Documents**

With this application you must also submit:

- 2022 IRS tax returns for each adult in the household showing your adjusted household gross income and (if applicable) any dependents
- One of the following: social security card, Section 8 form, government aid form, or medical aid form or card
- The three most recent pay or unemployment stubs for each adult in the household
- An explanation of how this program will benefit you and your family as well as any additional information, unusual expenses, or extenuating circumstances that are not included in the application (e.g. financial, medical, disability, etc.)

#### How to Submit Your Application and Documents

You can submit your completed application and documents one of three ways:

- Bring them to the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County headquarters at 3S580 Naperville Road in Wheaton Monday Friday 8 a.m. 4 p.m.
- Fax them to 630-933-7217.
- Mail them to Visitor Services, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, 3S580 Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60189.

Due to encryption concerns, we cannot accept applications via email. For questions regarding this application, call the ADA programs and activities coordinator at 630-871-7537 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. or email accessibility@dupageforest.org.

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#### Office Use Only

Approved: O Yes O No

By:

Date:

For: **O** Permit **O** Summer Camp

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#### **Your Information**

Name	Date of Birth			
Street Address		Apt/Unit #	DuPage Resident?	O Yes O No
City	State	Zip		
Primary Phone Number	Email			
Employer's Name		Employer's City		
Household's Annual Adjusted Gross Income				
Have you received Forest Preserve District of DuPage County	y financial assistance be	efore? • Yes • N	0	

Your Household Information (if applicable) Please include any additional children or dependents on the back of this page.

Spouse's Name	Spouse's Date of Birth	
Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	
Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	
Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	
Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	
Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	
Other Dependent's Name	Other Dependent's Date of Birth	
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## **Intended Use of Financial Assistance**

O Archery Permit

**O** Boating Permit

 ${\bf O}$  Family Camping Permit

**O** Model Craft Permit

- O Off-Leash Dog Area Permit O Picnicking Permit
- Special-Use Permit

**O** Summer Camp Please list the name of each child who would attend and (if known) the name of each camp.

## Certification

I certify that the information included on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I do not have additional income not represented above. I agree, if necessary, to send additional information and documentation to support the information presented on this application. I understand that financial assistance is based on need. I understand that if I falsify any of the information on this application that I will not be eligible for assistance now or in the future. I understand that this information will be kept confidential and that I will be notified of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's decision in writing.

Signature

Date